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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 11/2

CONTROL OF DISSEMINATION AND USE OF INTELLIGENCE AND INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION

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Pursuant to the provisions of NSCID No. 11 and paragraphs 7, 9, 10 and 11 of NSCID No. 1, and for the purpose of preventing unauthorized disclosure of intelligence and intelligence information, the following procedures are established to control the dissemination and use of intelligence and intelligence information (hereinafter called information):

1. Classified or controlled intelligence and information originating in another department or agency will not be disseminated or used outside the receiving agency without permission of the originating agency except as provided in paragraph 7, NSCID No. 1, and paragraphs 5 and 6 of this Directive. In controlling dissemination and use of intelligence and information, the policy of "need to know" will be closely followed.

2. *a.* The standardization of the stamps and the procedures set forth in this directive do not preclude a department or agency from adding those internal controls it considers essential to meet extraordinary internal requirements.

b. Further, these stamps and procedures will not apply to the FBI, which has established controls over the dissemination and use of its information, nor do they affect the special controls over the dissemination and use of special and atomic intelligence; information subject to copyright, libel, slander and communication laws; information which for moral, ethical or legal reasons must be protected; or unclassified material published for non-governmental use.

3. Whenever it is deemed necessary to provide for control of intelligence or information, in addition to the protection provided by a defense classification, the appropriate control stamp or stamps will be placed (preferably underneath the defense classification) upon a document. These stamps may be followed by the definitions below, or used alone. Stamps will be in full capitals.

a. "NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS." Dissemination limited to U.S. officials. No dissemination of this material will be made to foreign nationals and immigrant aliens, including U.S. government employed, utilized or integrated foreign nationals and immigrant aliens, without permission of the originating agency.

1) The originating agency may abbreviate this stamp to *"NOFORN."*

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3) The absence of this stamp on classified material does not mean that the receiving agency may disseminate such material to foreign nationals and immigrant aliens without permission of the originating agency.

b. "NO DISSEM ABROAD." Dissemination limited to the continental United States exclusive of territories and possessions without permission of the originating agency.

c. "NSC PARTICIPATING AGENCIES ONLY." Dissemination limited to the Bureau of the Budget, Foreign Operations Administration, Department of Treasury, Office of Defense Mobilization, staff of the Operations Coordinating Board, Federal Civil Defense Administration, all components of Defense, State, AEC, FBI and CIA unless permission of the originating agency is obtained.

d. "INTELL COMPONENTS ONLY." Dissemination limited to CIA, AEC and FBI; and, within State and Defense, to the intelligence components, other offices producing NIS elements, and higher echelons with their immediate supporting staffs, unless permission of the originating agency is obtained.

e. "LIMITED. Dissemination limited to full-time employees of CIA, AEC and FBI; and, within State and Defense, to the intelligence components, other offices producing NIS elements, and higher echelons with their immediate supporting staffs. Not to be disseminated to consultants, external projects or reserve personnel on short term active duty (excepting individuals who are normally full-time employees of CIA, AEC, FBI, State or Defense) unless the written permission of the originating agency is obtained."

f. "CONTINUED CONTROL." Information may be used in only that finished intelligence which bears the same controls as the information itself.

g. "BACKGROUND USE ONLY." Information bearing this stamp will not be included in any intelligence publication without permission of the originating agency.

4. *"FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY."* Unclassified information bearing this stamp may be used for official purposes by U.S. departments and agencies. It may be used for official purposes by foreign governments which have been authorized to receive it by the originating agency. This information may be disclosed to non-governmental persons and organizations only with permission of the originating agency.

5. If an item of information bears neither the stamp *"BACKGROUND USE ONLY"* nor *"CONTINUED CONTROL,"* it may be used in finished intelligence, except digests and summaries, without regard to any control stamps appearing on it, provided that:

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b. Information in Foreign Service communications and Defense Attache reports is used in paraphrase;

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c. While the producing agency is responsible for the dissemination of its finished intelligence, citation of the documents listed in 5*a* and 5*b*, if made, will be removed before release to foreign nationals and immigrant aliens unless permission of the originating agency is obtained.

6. All controlled information, except that which bears the stamp *"BACKGROUND USE ONLY,"* may be quoted, extracted, or summarized in digests and summaries, provided the dissemination of such digests and summaries conforms to the controls on the information and the controls are reprinted with the information. Agencies originating information may notify the offices which produce such digests and summaries of special requirements with respect to referencing the information. Permission to include information in such digests or summaries to receive a broader distribution than allowed by controls on the information will be requested of the originating agency.

7. Letters or memoranda, and single papers of a non-recurring nature, will be controlled as determined by the originating agency.

8. Intelligence and information collected, produced and disseminated prior to the effective date of this directive, which will be ninety days after its approval, will be controlled as provided herein when such intelligence or information is removed from files for dissemination or use. Questions with respect to any conflicts between control stamps or statements on such intelligence and information and this directive will be referred to the originating agency.

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